# Financial Literacy Resources

## **Consumer Banking**

Listed below are links to a variety of agencies and tools intended to aid consumers navigating through an increasingly complicated banking landscape.

### **Banking**

#### **Federal Reserve Board**

- Consumer Handbook on Adjustable Rate Mortgages(external)
- Identity Theft(external)
- Consumer's Guide to Credit Cards(external)
- Best New Bank Account Promotions, Offers & Free Money

### **FDIC**

- FDIC, Neighborworks® America Form National Partnership to Help Consumers at Risk of Foreclosure(external)
- Shopping for a Bank Account That Fits Your Style(external)
- Sources of Help and Information about Money Matters for Teens and Families(external)
- Don't Be an On-line Victim: How to Guard Against Internet Thieves and Electronic Scams(external)
- FDIC Consumer News Features a Guide to Preparing Financially for Fires, Floods and Other Misfortunes(external)
- FDIC Consumer News about Mobile and Internet Banking(external)
- Money Smart Podcast Network

### OCC

- Enforcement Actions by the OCC(external)
- Fight Back: What You Can Do about Identity Theft(external)
- Fraudulent Debt Elimination Schemes(external)
- Gift Cards' Fine Print(external)
- Help for National Bank Customers(external)
- Internet Pirates Are Trying to Steal Your Personal Financial Information(external)
- Writing a Check -- Understanding Your Rights(external-pdf)

### State of Illinois

Protect Yourself against Bank Fraud(external)

### State of Michigan

• Ten Tips for Beating Consumer Fraud in Michigan(external)

# **Insurance**

### **Indiana Department of Insurance**

• Don't Get Scammed by Fake Insurance(external)

### State of Wisconsin

• <u>Understanding How Insurance Companies Use Credit Information(external-pdf)</u>

### **Securities**

### **NASD**

- NASD Investor Alert Cautions Investors about Life Settlements(external)
- Customer Advisory Centers: Not Your Typical Securities Firm Call Center(external)

### **SEC**

- Online Brokerage Accounts: What You Can Do to Safeguard Your Money and Your Personal Information(external)
- Variable Annuities and Variable Life Products: Questions to Ask(external)
- For Seniors(external)
- Fake Seals and Phony Numbers: How Fraudsters Try to Look Legit(external)
- U.S. Securities and Exchange (SEC) History

### **Commodities/Futures**

# **Private and Nonprofit Consumer Resources by Topic**

### **Veteran Resources**

• Military Retirement Pay & Pension Benefits Explained

### **Mortgage & Credit Resources**

• Ten Best Cash Back Credit Cards - Reviews and Comparison

### **Money Management & Budgeting Resources**

### **College Expense Resources**

# **Debt Help**

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